

Title 440 - Conservation Programs Manual  
Wetlands Reserve Program

Exhibit 514.70

Mr. and Mrs. Landowner

P.O. Box 123  
Anytown, Any State, Zip Code

Subject: Compatible Uses of the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) Easement Land (WRP Contract Number xxxx)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Landowner:

This letter is to remind you of the need to request and have written authorization for any compatible use activities that you may wish to conduct on your WRP easement area. A compatible use authorization is required for you to engage in any activity not reserved to you under the WRP easement deed.

As you may recall, the rights reserved to you on the easement area include record title, quiet enjoyment, control of public access, undeveloped recreational uses, and subsurface resources. If you wish to conduct any other activities on the easement area you may request, at any time, authorization from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for these activities.

NRCS will evaluate whether any requested activity is consistent with the restoration objectives of the easement. NRCS will only authorize activities that further the long-term protection and enhancement of the wetland functions and other natural values of the easement area. We will notify you in writing whether such use is approved, and if applicable, any terms and conditions of such approval.

Please be advised that only compatible use authorizations that have been signed by the NRCS State Conservationist or by the Assistant State Conservationist for Programs are valid.

While you can realize economic returns from an activity authorized on the easement area, you will not be assured of any specific level or frequency of such use. Additionally, NRCS reserves the right to modify or cancel a compatible use authorization at any time if the NRCS determines that such activities do not further the protection and enhancement objectives of the easement.

If you are unsure whether you need a compatible use authorization, or if you have only previous verbal authorization or written authorization from someone other than the State Conservationist or Assistant State Conservationist, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

We look forward to working with you on the future restoration success of the WRP easement on your land.

Sincerely,

State Conservationist